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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

REF: STATE 66941

FOLLOWING DATA AND ESTIMATES IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL SUPPLIED TO
EMBASSY BY OFFICIALS OF SENA SUGAR ESTATES, WHICH IS LARGEST OF
FOUR MOZAMBICAN SUGAR PRODUCERS, AND BY GPRM NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF
FOREIGN COMMERCE, DR. ALMEIDA MATOS. MONETARY FIGURES IN US
DOLLARS.

1. AVERAGE PRODUCTION COSTS OF SUGAR:

- (A) TOTAL: 12 TO 14 CENTS PER POUND
- (B) VARIABLE: ESTIMATED 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL, OR ABOUT 3-4
CENTS PER POUND
- (C) FIXED: ESTIMATED AT 75 PERCENT OF TOTAL, OR ABOUT 9-10
CENTS PER LB.

2. AVERAGE DOMESTIC PRICE PAID TO FARMERS: 8.5 CENTS PER POUND.
PRICE IS FIXED BY GOVERNMENT, AND HAS NOT BEEN RAISED FOR
SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE PRICE OBVIOUSLY MEANS LOSS TO PRODUCERS,
MOZAMBIQUE CENTRAL BANK HAS PROMISED TO MAKE UP THEIR LOSSES.
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3. RETAIL CONSUMER PRICES:

- (A) OF REFINED SUGAR: 13 CENTS PER POUND
- (B) OF THE MOST COMMON SUGAR (SEMI-REFINED): 11.5 CENTS PER
POUND

THESE PRICES ARE SET BY GPRM. DESPITE REQUEST FROM SUGAR PRODUCERS,

GPRM HAS REFUSED TO RAISE DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICES. PRODUCER SAYS
THESE
PRICES ARE THE LOWEST IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. (A) AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF 1975 EXPORT SHIPMENTS: DOLS 406 PER
METRIC TON (FOB).

(B) AVERAGE VALUE OF 1976 EXPORT SHIPMENTS: DOLS 200 PER METRIC
TON (ESTIMATE, FOB).

5. LATEST PRICE RECEIVED FOR PREFERENTIAL SHIPMENTS: SHIPMENT OF
23,000 TONS TO US TO BEGIN APRIL 1977 AT DOLS 215 PER METRIC TON,

6. COMMENT: GPRM OFFICIALS ARE FOLLOWING US REVIEW OF SUGAR POLICY
CLOSELY. SUGAR EXPORTS FROM MOZAMBIQUE TO US BEGAN IN QUANTITY
ONLY IN 1975, AND HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT TO MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMY
DR. ALMEIDA MATOS SAID MOZAMBIQUE SUGAR BEFEFITS FROM GSP ARE
ROUGHLY DOLS 37 PER TON, AND HE STATED HE VERY MUCH WANTS TO SEE
SUGAR CONTINUE TO ENTER US DUTY FREE.
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